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In re Application of

Keiji Kataoka et al.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	AFTER AMENDMENT	PREV. PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	FEE DUE
Total Claims	16	20	= 0	x \$ 50.00	\$
Indep. Claims	4	3	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 200.00

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 5-8 and 11-22 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 5-8 are amended to more clearly define the invention, claims 1-4, and 9-10 are canceled, and claims 11-22 are added. Claims 5-8 are independent.

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